



Tidings

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church

*We are followers of Jesus who:
Worship in beauty
Question in faith
Serve in love*

October 18, 2020

This Weekend: The 201st Convention of the Diocese of Maine

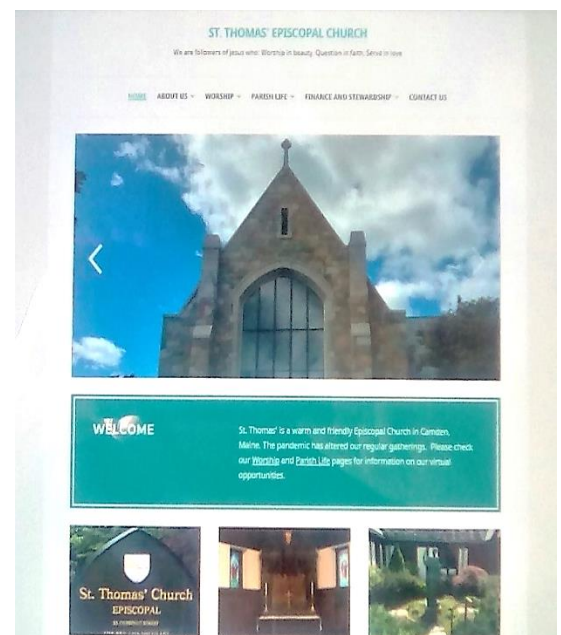
October 17-18 is Diocesan Convention. Please keep our delegates in your prayers, and watch the monthly Diocesan Worship Service on Sunday, October 18, which includes the Bishop's address to the Convention. The service will be available on the diocesan [YouTube](#) channel by 7:30 a.m. and [Facebook](#) at 10:00 a.m.

Our Website Has a New Look!

If you haven't been on our [website](#) in the past week, you may be in for a surprise! Our website has a new look. Please check out our website and let us know what you think and let me know if there is anything you have been looking for and cannot find. One thing the website is missing is pictures. If you would like to share some digital photos, please contact me and I will send you a link to upload them.

Thanks to a question from Lisa+, I discovered a way to add the St. Thomas' website page to your phone screen. I have created a "[How To](#)" page on the website, and this answer is our premiere article. If you have other questions about navigating through our website, please [email](#) me and I will do some research and post relevant answers on the website.

Faithfully, *Terry Mello*,
Website Consultant



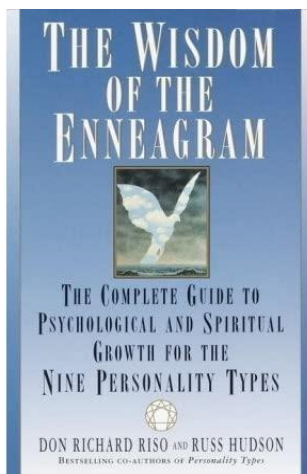
Rector's Class Resuming!

What is the Enneagram?

The Enneagram is an ancient symbol and an ever-evolving model of nine. It diagrams, or maps, nine ways of viewing the world, nine ways we can get lost, and nine ways we find our way home. It's a diagram of how people grow in health, experience and transformation and how people get trapped in pain and suffering. It's a sacred map of the territories of the soul.

The Enneagram helps us understand other people's journeys and respect their struggles and their transformations. It's a map that's extremely useful for spiritual growth, team development, and leadership development. We are spiritual beings on a human journey. Traveling by car we use our Rand McNally Road Atlas or following our

Maps app. With the Enneagram we start by identifying where we are currently, our "home territory" or type, and then explore the routes that take us where we want to go.



Come and join this journey and experience what makes us who we are, and why each of our faith journeys are unique.

We will be using the book *The Wisdom of the Enneagram* by Don Richard Riso and Russ Hudson. Please contact the rector at rector@stthomascamdenme.org if you are interested. The book costs just over \$16.00, but used copies are also available on Amazon for a reduced rate. Testing costs will be covered. The 12-week class will meet via Zoom on Sundays, at 4:00 p.m., beginning November 1.

Coming Soon: Private Prayer in the Sanctuary

Vicki Boetsch-Harriman has graciously offered to be the person who heads up the Private Prayer ministry. She and I are meeting this week to finalize the details, go over protocols, etc. Watch this space next week in Tidings for the details of when the church will be opened for private prayer, and the protocols everyone will need to follow. Thank you, Vicki, for taking this on!

Opportunities to Be a Part of a New Ministry Team: Video Production Volunteers!

We are reaching a large percentage of our parishioners with our weekly Service Videos, with most weeks engaging 90+ viewers. We have had so many people willing to participate in them by reading, filming, singing, etc. We thank you all.

We would like to continue to offer this ministry to all our parishioners long-term, but to do so—we need people to join the Video Worship ministry team. Here's what we need:

- Two or three people responsible for getting all the readings out to people, making sure recordings are done on time, helping people upload their material if needed, and making sure the material is complete, and in the correct virtual folder for the week. We will train you on this process, and it will be a rotating (weekly) ministry. Our goal is to have each volunteer only work on one of our three videos a month.
- One or two people to become proficient in using the free computer program *DaVinci Resolve* (or another program of your choice) to assemble the videos into our worship service. The bonus: you'll be developing the skill to do really great home videos!

If we don't get volunteers, we may have to do fewer Service Videos. It's not fair for a single person to take on this entire load. High school students, moms, dads, couples, retired people—all are welcome to help serve their fellow parishioners in this way.

This is a ministry for all of us, and I envision many uses for this ministry—bible stories done with the children, videos for newcomers on the website, evangelistic opportunities, and more.

But we need YOU. Please join us in this brand-new ministry opportunity. Email me at rector@stthomascamdenme.org or Susie at admin@stthomascamdenme.org. Let's continue to serve God—in new ways! Lisa+



All Saints' Service Outside: November 1 at 7:00 P.M.

At 7:00 p.m. on All Saints' Sunday, November 1, we will hold a short outdoor service lit with candles and luminarias. The 15-20-minute service will include a recitation of the names of those from our congregation who have died in the past year, along with the names of those who are interred in our columbarium. We will close with prayers for those who have died since the last All Saints' service, and for all our beloved departed. We invite you to bring pictures of them. Please come, and dress warmly.

Sacred Ground, a Discussion on Racism

A discussion via Zoom on racism using the Episcopal Church's curriculum *Sacred Ground* will begin in January. Enrollment will be limited. Watch this space next month for more information.

Worship Options

For those of you yearning to attend an indoor worship experience until we reopen our sanctuary, I encourage you to attend St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Rockland, where the Rev. Lael Sorensen is offering Holy Eucharist. There are no reservations, and limited seating. She would welcome a limited number of our people to both her Sunday services, which are at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. COVID-19 protocols are to be followed: seating in marked places, masks, distancing, no singing, and each person bringing their own bread and wine—just enough to consume it all. She asks that socializing happen only after having left the campus.

Lael+ is encouraging her parishioners who don't attend in-person services to watch our service video on Sunday mornings, and she has linked our offerings to her weekly newsletter.

We are striving to meet the needs of all our parishioners as part of a greater Episcopal community. Lisa+

Prayer List

Please pray for those members of this parish and others in special need:

Short-term: *Jan Gilley; Kevin Jackson; Joan Grey; Travis Heck; Tiffany Andrews; Jeremy Tucker; Lucy Ebbert; Shirley; Paul Whittaker; Jeff; Aaron Dowd; Megan Nowak; Eric Jensen; Mary; Edward; the Brooks family.*

Long-term: *Paula; Sandra A.; Robert Pearson; Dustin; Hunter Fierro; Tadd Lyman; Harry Hart; Ada Power; Larry Parker; Bayard Chanler; Carol; Marcie Vega; Vicky and Bill; Arnie Joy; Maxine; Judith Shepherd; Ron; Andrew; Joanne Scott; Carolyn Morris; Amy; Joan Pottle; Anne; Sandy Lyle; Brian Fitzpatrick; Skip Groman; Lainie Vreeland; David Harper; Susan Conrad; Elaine.*

God of all, we pray for our departed, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

This Sunday

October 18, 2020

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm 96:1-9

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

Next Sunday

October 25, 2020

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Psalm 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

Click [here](#) for *This Week's Virtual Services*,
the bulletin, and links to services on
Facebook and YouTube.

Click [here](#) for St. Thomas' Calendar

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